

- The history and current status of the documentation guidelines.
- Our technical assessment of the June 1999 proposed AMA recommendations.
- Other proposals for revising the guidelines.
- The proposed study.
- The role of organized medicine and practicing physicians in commenting on the guidelines and the study.
- A proposed time line for eventual implementation of new documentation guidelines.
- New efforts to improve responsiveness and service to physicians.

### Registration

If you wish to attend the meeting, you must register in advance by sending a fax to the attention of Ms. Martha Dixon, Office of Professional Relations, at (202) 401-7438 by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Your fax must include your name, organization, address, telephone number, and fax number. Our receipt of your fax will constitute confirmation of your registration. If space at the meeting is no longer available when your fax is received, you will be notified by phone that you are on an attendance waiting list. If space should subsequently become available, individuals on the waiting list will be notified in turn. Written materials will be provided at the time of the meeting.

**Authority:** Section 1102 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

**ACTION:** Notice To Delete Three Systems of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Care Financing Administration is deleting three systems of records from its inventory subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The deletions will be effective on June 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The public should address comments to: Director, Division of Data Liaison and Distribution, HCFA, Room N2-04-27, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. The telephone number is (410) 786-3673. Comments received will be available for review at this location, by appointment, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., eastern time zone.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The "Medicare Enrollment Records Statistics (MERS)," System No. 09-70-0006, was established to study the characteristics of persons enrolled in the Medicare program and establish the basis for Medicare services utilization rates. The "Health Insurance Enrollment Statistics (HIES), General Enrollment Period," System No. 09-70-0007 was established to contact persons eligible for Part B benefits who had refused or withdrawn coverage of these benefits, for purposes of re-enrollment for Part B coverage and to evaluate results of such contacts. The "Medicare Beneficiary Correspondence Files (MBC)," System No. 09-70-0509 was established to maintain and track correspondence in a HCFA component that no longer exist. All of these systems are being deleted from HCFA's inventory because they are no longer used. Retention and destruction of the data contained in these systems has been in accordance with the retention and disposal schedules listed in the system notice.

#### Deletions

No. 09-70-0006 "Medicare Enrollment Records Statistics (MERS)," HHS/HCFA/BDMS;

No. 09-70-0007 "Health Insurance Enrollment Statistics (HIES), General Enrollment Period," HHS/HCFA/BDMS.

No. 09-70-0509 "Medicare Beneficiary Correspondence Files (MBC)," HHS/HCFA/BPO;

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Proposed Project: Drug Pricing Program Reporting Requirements (OMB No. 0915-0176)

Extension—Section 602 of Public Law 102-585, the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, enacted section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), "Limitation on Prices of Drugs Purchased by Covered Entities." Section 340B provides that a manufacturer who sells covered outpatient drugs to eligible entities must sign a pharmaceutical pricing agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services in which the manufacturer agrees to charge a price for covered outpatient drugs that will not exceed an amount determined under a statutory formula.

Covered entities which choose to participate in the section 340B drug discount program must comply with the requirements of section 340B(a)(5) of the PHS Act. Section 340B(a)(5)(A) prohibits a covered entity from accepting a discount for a drug that would also generate a Medicaid rebate.